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SUBJECT: UNGA: POLAND

1. POLISH MINISTER WIEJACZ CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS (IO) AUGUST 25 FOR PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ARRANGING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN EARLY OCTOBER BETWEEN LEWIS AND POLISH MFA IO CHIEF PAWLAK. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON SUCH AN EXCHANGE IN THE FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON.

2. LEWIS TOOK OCCASION OF VISIT TO RECALL U.S. CONCERN WITH KOREA ISSUE AT UNGA (POLAND WILL HAVE CHAIRMANSHIP OF FIRST COMMITTEE IN WHICH THIS ISSUE WILL BE HANDLED). HE NOTED U.S. DISAPPOINTMENT THAT, DESPITE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 22 CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS, NORTH KOREA HAD OBTAINED NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT AT COLOMBO FOR HARSHLY CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH. WE, THEREFORE, ANTICIPATE
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THAT THERE WOULD AGAIN BE A DIVISIVE DEBATE WITH PROBABLE

OUTCOME WHICH WOULD HELP NEITHER UNGA NOR KOREAN ISSUE. HE NOTED THAT POLAND HAD COSPONSORED CONFRONTATIONAL PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION SUBMITTED AUGUST 16 TO UN. WIEJACZ WAS ASKED WHETHER HIS EMBASSY HAD HAD ANY WORD OF THIS DECISION BY POLAND TO COSPONSOR. HE RESPONDED

THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE IT HAD NOT, SINCE THESE MATTERS WERE ROUTINELY HANDLED BETWEEN POLISH MISSION AND WARSAW. WE OBSERVED THAT AT TIME WHEN U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS WERE GENERALLY GOOD IT SHOULD PERHAPS NOT BE AMATTEROF ROUTINE TO AUTOMATICALLY COSPONSOR A RESOLUTION WHICH ENDORSED A STATEMENT, SUCH AS THE AUGUST 5 NORTH KOREAN STATEMENT, WHICH CONTAINS HARSH AND SPURIOUS CHARGES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. LEWIS OBSERVED THAT POLAND'S ROLE ON THE NEUTRAL NATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE ARMISTICE IN KOREA WOULD NORMALLY BE AN ARGUMENT AGAINST SUCH CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH A SHARPLY PARTISAN MEASURE DIRECTED BY ONE OF THE PARTIES TO THE ARMISTICE AGAINST THE OTHERS. KISSINGER

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